

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the first paragraph of the application in the RELATED APPLICATIONS section (no paragraph number) as follows:

This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/407,299, filed September 3, 2002, which is incorporated by reference as if set forth herein in its entirety. This application is related to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/409,980, entitled “Method and Apparatus for Efficient Scalable Storage Management,” by Guha, et al., filed September 12, 2002, which is incorporated by reference as if set forth herein in its entirety.

Replace Paragraph [0083] with

$$F = 1/(1-(1-f)^N)$$

Replace Paragraph [0088] with

$$f^* = 1/\{1-(1-1/T)^{1/N}\}$$

In Paragraph [0015], second to last sentence, please amend as follows to place the “TM” after “Firefly”:

In these systems, the entire RAID set is opportunistically powered on or off (see, e.g., FireflyTM Digital Virtual Library, http://www.asaca.com/DVL/DM_200.htm).